

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A computerized, integrated emergency medical transportation database system having a compliance audit component, the system comprising:

a medical emergency database configured to store at least clinical encounter data, patient demographic data and transport data, wherein at least a portion of the data is input by emergency medical personnel; and

a compliance audit component in communication with the medical emergency database, wherein the compliance audit component is configured to:

check to ensure that data in the medical emergency database for a current encounter is consistent with a high risk compliance area, and

prompt the emergency medical personnel for correction of the data where the data is not consistent.

2. (Original) The system of Claim 1, additionally comprising a billing module in communication with the medical emergency database, the billing module receiving data from the compliance audit component.

3. (Original) The system of Claim 1, wherein the compliance audit component is additionally configured to record one or more attempts to obtain missing requirement data.

4. (Original) The system of Claim 1, wherein the compliance audit component is additionally configured to apply a set of rules to determine whether the data for the current encounter is consistent with the high risk compliance area.

5. (Original) The system of Claim 1, additionally comprising a dispatch and demographic module in communication with the medical emergency database, the dispatch and demographic module providing data to the compliance audit component.

6. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 5, wherein the dispatch and demographic module provides patient demographic data or transport data.

7. (Original) The system of Claim 1, additionally comprising a clinical module in communication with the medical emergency database, the clinical module providing data to the compliance audit component.

8. (Original) The system of Claim 7, wherein the clinical module provides a diagnosis description and a treatment description.

9. (Currently Amended) A method of performing a compliance check for an integrated emergency medical transportation database system, the method comprising:

collecting at least clinical encounter data, patient demographic data and transport data into a medical emergency database, wherein at least a portion of the data is collected from a member of an emergency medical team;

identifying one or more high risk compliance areas;

applying a specific library of modifiable data rules to ensure that the collected data is consistent with the high risk compliance areas; and

prompting a member of the emergency medical team for correction of the data where the data is not consistent.

10. (Original) The method of Claim 9, additionally comprising providing the corrected data to a billing module.

11. (Original) The method of Claim 9, additionally comprising prompting for correction of the data where the data is not compliant.

12. (Currently Amended) A computerized, integrated emergency medical transportation database system having a compliance filter, the system comprising:

a medical emergency database configured to store at least clinical encounter data, patient demographic data and transport data; ~~and~~

a compliance filter in communication with the medical emergency database, wherein the compliance filter is configured to:

use a specific library of modifiable data rules to ensure that data in the medical emergency database for a current encounter is consistent with a high risk compliance area, and

prompt for correction of the data where the data is not consistent or compliant; and

a billing module in communication with the medical emergency database, the billing module receiving corrected data from the compliance filter, and the billing module being configured to generate a bill based at least in part on the corrected data.

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 1, wherein the compliance audit component is configured to receive additional data from a user in response to the prompt for correction of the data.

15. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 14, wherein the additional data comprises information regarding the process of acquiring the data by a user.

16. (New) The system of Claim 2, wherein the billing module is configured to generate a bill based at least in part on the output of the compliance audit module.

17. (New) The system of Claim 16, wherein the billing module is configured to electronically submit the bill to a payor.

18. (New) The method of Claim 9, additionally comprising generating a bill based at least in part on the corrected data.

19. (New) The method of Claim 9, additionally comprising submitting the bill to a payor.